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REMARKS

Applicant has read with care the July 2, 2003 Office Action. In response thereto, applicants here amend the two remaining independent claims, namely claims 1 and 5, to include the limitations of claims 8 and 9, respectively. In response to the rejection set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the action at pages 2-4, applicant encloses the Rule 132 declaration of one of the inventors, Mr. Hirsch, who addresses the rejections, and explains why the claims as here amended would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Applicants incorporate the statements made in Mr. Hirsch's Rule 132 declaration as though fully set forth here.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all remaining pending claims, namely, claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 12, and 13. Applicants' counsel would welcome a telephone call at any time to discuss any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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